

Monastery of St. Clare
Step 1 in Welcoming Back Our Faith Community
Our COVID Protocol as of 6/14/21

We are taking the first step in opening up our chapel for public worship. We are very excited to welcome back members of our faith community; we have missed you very much this past 14 months.

We have spent considerable time praying and discussing how to do this in a way that is safe for everyone, taking into consideration CDC guidelines, needs of our Sisters and local circumstances. Due to recent CDC guidelines and trends, we feel now is the appropriate time to take this first step.

We realize we can't eliminate risk, but only minimize it so we are trying to balance reasonable steps forward with an abundance of caution. We may need to change this COVID Practice if circumstances change.

BEGINNING MONDAY, JUNE 14:

We are inviting **only those who have been fully vaccinated**

We are open to the public **only for weekday Eucharist** (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays); sometimes Fr. David is not available, usually with notice in which case we will send an email; we will not be open for Communion Services.

Hand sanitizer will be available in the vestibule for your use as you enter

We ask you to abide by these guidelines and practices:

- Since all our guests will be fully vaccinated, as per present CDC recommendations, ***masks are optional***;
- Please ***social distance using every other pew, and sitting 6 ft apart*** within a pew, unless couples/families who can sit together; our chapel will seat about 25 people in this configuration
- The choir area of the chapel is reserved for the Sisters
- Communion will be distributed in the hand only
- The presiding priest will distribute Communion to the Sisters in the choir first, then to the congregants at the center aisle, as previously
- The Sisters will not meet in the vestibule before or after Eucharist, but some may gather outside to visit